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POST NOMINATES FOR 1973 MULTINATIONAL JOURNALISTS PROJECT AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY MR. ABDESSATAR LATRACH, EDITOR IN CHARGE OF CULTURAL AND SOCIAL REPORTING OF L'ACTION, TUNIS FRENCH-LANGUAGE DAILY AND ORGAN OF THE PSD. GRANT AUTHORIZATION, BESIDES THE \$3,685. FOR THE PROGRAM, AGAINST THE POST'S FY-74 COUNTRY ALLOCATION, SHOULD ALSO CHARGE \$897. FOR ECONOMY CLASS ROUND-TRIP TUNIS/DC/TUNIS AIR TICKET, \$280 MCO AND \$84. EXCESS BAGGAGE FOR THE RETURN, OR TOTAL OF \$4,946, AND SHOULD BE FURNISHED THE POST ASAP. TUNISIA PARTICIPATED IN THIS 16-YEAR OLD PROGRAM IN WHICH 64 COUNTRIES HAVE PARTICIPATED IN 1972 FOR THE FIRST TIME AND THE POST FEELS THE PARTICIPANT NOT ONLY ACQUITTED HIMSELF AMONG HIS FOREIGN AND US MASS MEDIA PEERS WELL, BUT THAT IT INCREASED THE INTEREST OF JOURNALISTS HERE FOR MORE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN AMERICAN MASS MEDIA. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE TUNISIANS IN THE PROGRAM FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS. BIO-DATA ON MR. LATRACH FOLLOWS: (A) ABDESSATAR LATRACH, AGE 30; (B) MALE; (C) JULY 12, 1943 AT TUNIS, TUNISIA; (D) NATIONALITY: TUNISIAN; (E) BUSINESS ADDRESS: C/O L'ACTION, 10, RUE DE ROME, TUNIS, TUNISIA, TEL 243.406; (F) ACADEMIC TRAINING: BACCALAUREAT FROM THE LYCEE CARNOT, TUNIS, 1963; (G) PRESENT POSITION: EDITOR IN CHARGE OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL REPORTING, L'ACTION, SINCE 1966; (H) PAST POSITIONS: EDITOR, LE SPORT, FR-LANGUAGE TUNISIAN SPORTS WEEKLY, 1965-66;

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CHIEF OF SECTION UNION INTERNATIONAL DE BANQUES, 1963-65; (I)

NOTHING TO REPORT; (J) RESPONSIBLE FOR A WEEKLY CULTURAL PAGE, RESPONSIBLE FOR REGULAR SPECIAL FEATURES ON CULTURE, RECREATION, SOCIAL EVENTS AND SPORTS; (K) TRAVEL: SINCE 1965 SEVERAL TRIPS TO FRANCE; BELGIUM, HOLLAND, LUXEMBOURG, SWEDEN, GREAT BRITAIN, ITALY, SWITZERLAND, W. GERMANY; UAR; ALGERIA; (1) KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH, S3, R-4; (M) OTHER LANGUAGES: FLUENT IN FRENCH AND ARABIC; (N) MARRIED, TWO SONS, 5 AND 6; (O) SPECIAL INTERESTS: THEATER, MUSIC, ART, LITERATURE, SPORTS, ESPECIALLY FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, SWIMMING; MUSIC, HAS A LARGE RECORD COLLECTION, PHILATELY; (P) EMERGENCY ADDRESS: MRS. FATHIA LATRACH, 10, RUE CHEIKH HAMIDA BEYRAM, HAMMAN LIF, AN EMPLOYEE OF AID TUNISIA, HIS WIFE; (Q) NOT A STRICT MOSLEM, SOCIAL DRINKER, WILL EAT PORK PRODUCTS. POST POUCHING COMPLETED BIO-DATA SHEETS AND 2 COPIES PHOTOGRAPH. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF LATRACH'S PARTICIPATION IN 1973 GROUP ASAP FOR ISSUANCE VISA AND AIR TICKETS.

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